



This is not the latest release

[View the latest release](#)

# Multiple job-holders

The number and prevalence of people working more than one job, their demographic and employment characteristics and working arrangements.

Reference period March 2023

---

Released 2/08/2023

## On this page

[Key statistics](#)

[Multiple job-holding over time](#)

[Sex](#)

[Age](#)

[Industry](#)

[Occupation](#)

[Hours worked](#)

[Geography](#)

[Data downloads](#)

[Post-release changes](#)

[Methodology](#)

## Key statistics

In March 2023:

- There were almost 950,000 multiple job-holders (6.6% of employed people).
- 7.7% of employed women were multiple job-holders, compared to 5.7% of employed men.
- Young workers were most likely to be working multiple jobs (8.9% of 20-24 year olds and 7.9% of 15-19 year olds).
- People who were a Community and personal service worker in their main job were most likely to be a multiple job-holder (10.2%).

This multi-source release brings together data from the following ABS sources on multiple job-holders:

- [Labour Account \(/statistics/labour/labour-accounts/labour-account-australia/latest-release\)](/statistics/labour/labour-accounts/labour-account-australia/latest-release) – headline estimates of the level and rate of multiple job-holding, by industry
- [Labour Force Survey \(/statistics/labour/employment-and-unemployment/labour-force-australia/latest-release\)](/statistics/labour/employment-and-unemployment/labour-force-australia/latest-release) – detailed socio-demographic and employment characteristics of multiple job-holders
- [Jobs in Australia \(/statistics/labour/jobs/jobs-australia/latest-release\)](/statistics/labour/jobs/jobs-australia/latest-release) – selected characteristics of multiple job-holders, based on personal income tax data available from the Linked Employer-Employee Dataset (LEED)

This first quarterly release includes data up to and including March 2023 from the Labour Account and Labour Force Survey, and Jobs in Australia data for 2019-20.

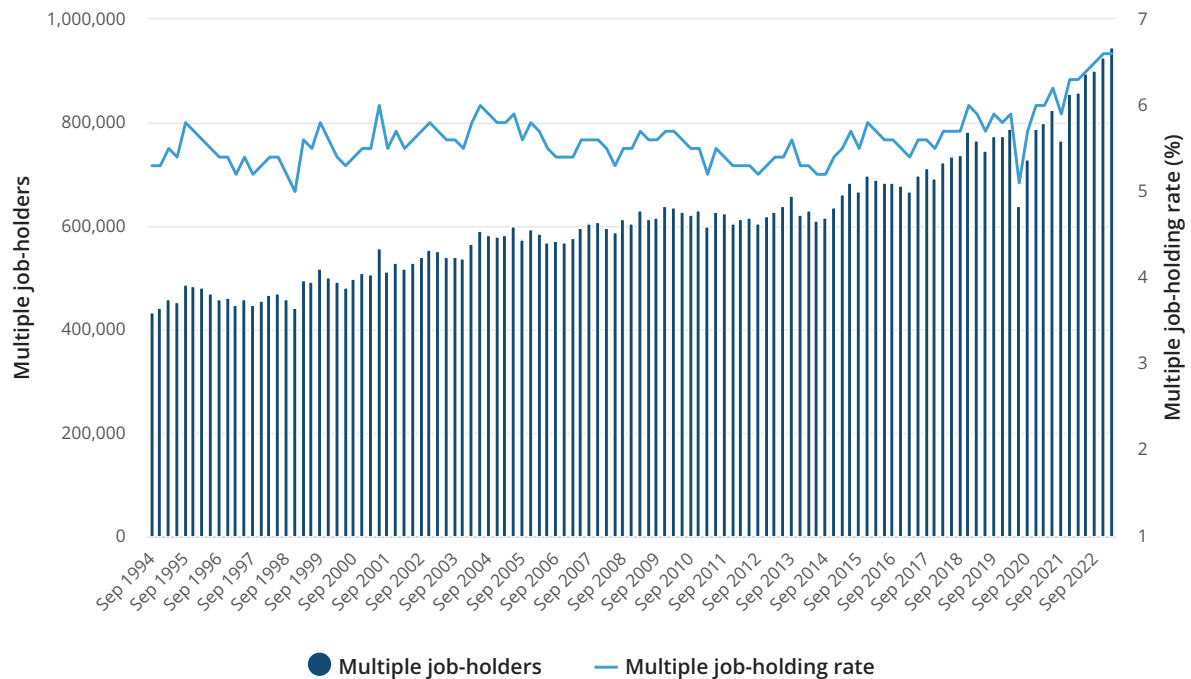
From the June 2023 issue onwards, this release will be published on the same day as the Labour Account, to support the headline estimates in the Labour Account by providing additional detail on the characteristics of multiple job-holders. The June 2023 issues of the Labour Account and Multiple job-holders will be released on 8 September 2023.

## Multiple job-holding over time

In March 2023, there were 947,300 multiple job-holders, compared to just over 13 million single job-holders. This was up 2.1% from December 2022 when there were 927,900 multiple job-holders.

Between 1994 and 2019, the multiple job-holding rate remained between 5.0% and 6.0%. However, following a large decline at the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020, it has steadily risen to a series high of 6.6% in March 2023.

## Multiple job-holding rate and levels

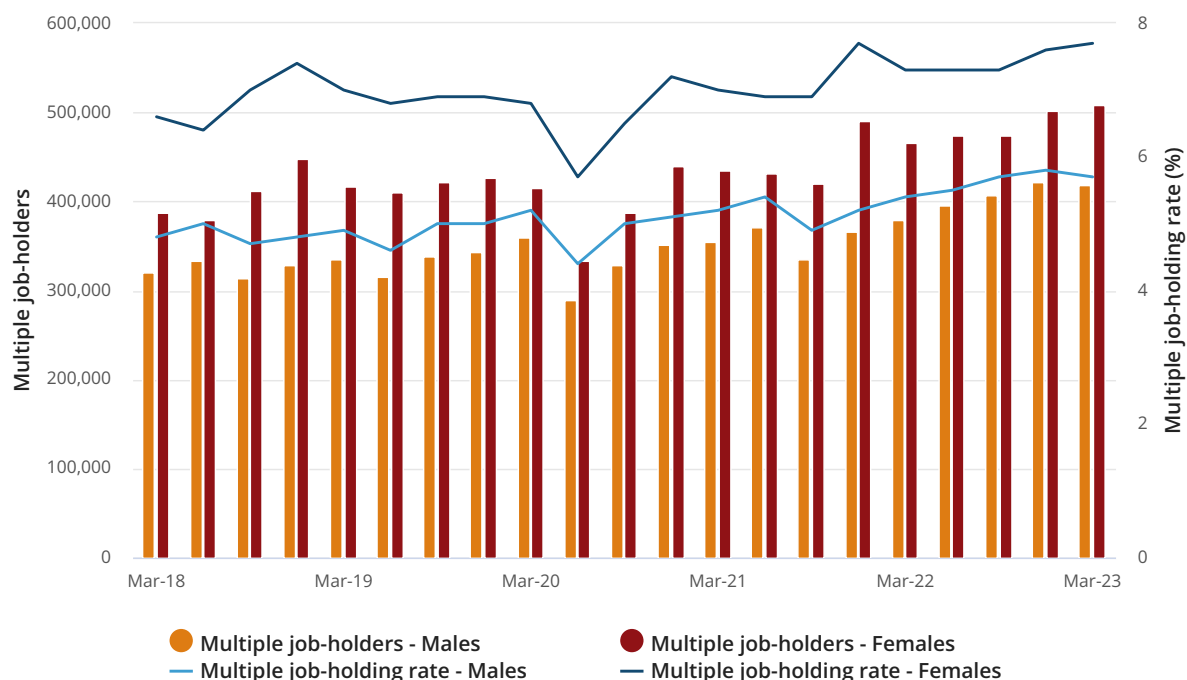


Source: [Labour Account Australia \(/statistics/labour/labour-accounts/labour-account-australia/latest-release\)](https://statistics.labour/labour-accounts/labour-account-australia/latest-release).

## Sex

In March 2023, the rate of multiple job-holding was higher for women (7.7% compared with 5.7% for men). Over the past five years, on average, the multiple job-holding rate amongst women has been around 1.8 percentage points higher than men.

## Multiple job-holding rate and levels by sex



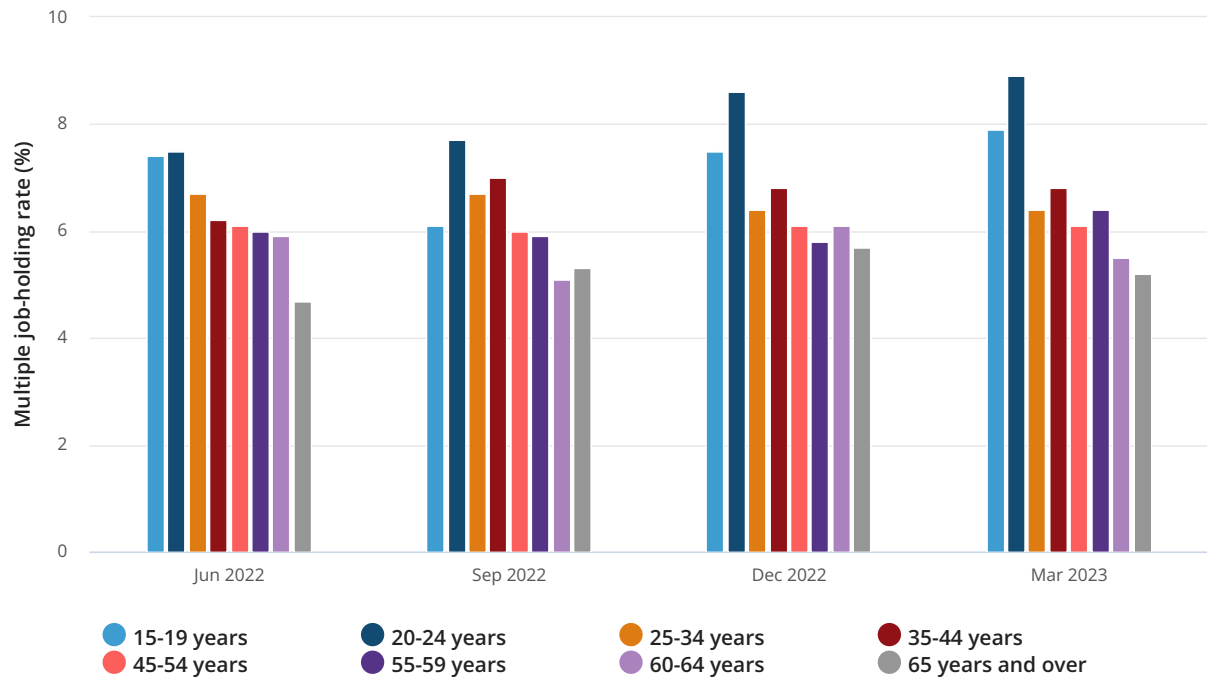
Note: The sum of males and females does not equal the headline estimates of multiple job-holders from the Labour Account as the number of male and female multiple job-holders is sourced directly from the Labour Force Survey. The Labour Account includes adjustments to account for populations which are out of scope for the Labour Force Survey, namely child workers, short-term non-residents and defence force personnel.

Source: [Longitudinal Labour Force, Australia \(https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/microdata-tablebuilder/available-microdata-tablebuilder/longitudinal-labour-force-australia\)](https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/microdata-tablebuilder/available-microdata-tablebuilder/longitudinal-labour-force-australia).

## Age

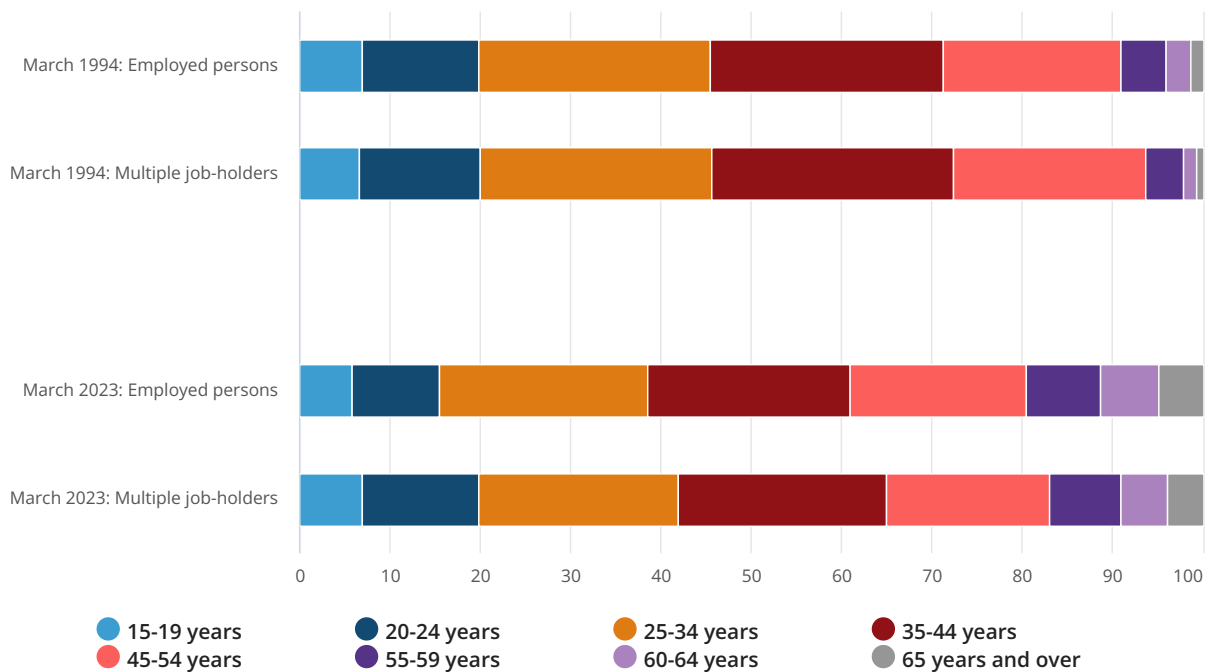
Younger people were more likely to be a multiple job-holder, with 7.9% of employed people aged 15-19 and 8.9% aged 20-24 holding more than one job in March 2023. In contrast, 5.5% of employed people aged 60-64 and 5.2% aged 65 or more were multiple job-holders.

## Multiple job-holding rate by age group



Source: [Longitudinal Labour Force, Australia \(statistics/microdata-tablebuilder/available-microdata-tablebuilder/longitudinal-labour-force-australia\)](https://statistics.microdata-tablebuilder/available-microdata-tablebuilder/longitudinal-labour-force-australia)

## Age distribution of multiple job-holders, and employed persons



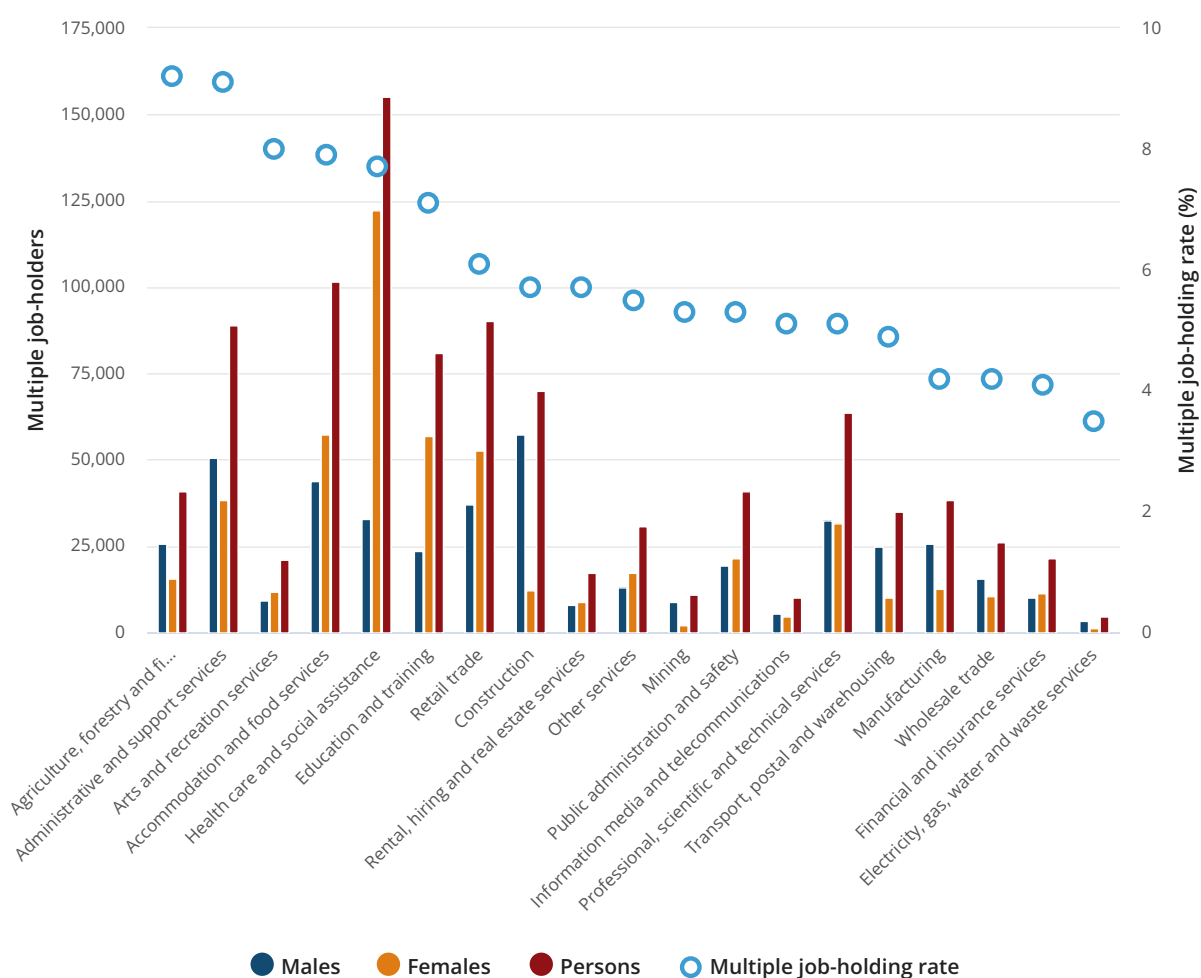
Source: [Longitudinal Labour Force, Australia \(/statistics/microdata-tablebuilder/available-microdata-tablebuilder/longitudinal-labour-force-australia\)](https://statistics/microdata-tablebuilder/available-microdata-tablebuilder/longitudinal-labour-force-australia).

## Industry

People working in the Agriculture, forestry and fishing and Administrative and support services industries in their main job had the highest multiple job-holding rates in March 2023 (9.2% and 9.1% respectively). Multiple job-holding was least common among people whose main job was in Electricity, gas, water and waste services.

It is important to note that some industries lend themselves to multiple job-holding. For example, some workers in Agriculture, forestry and fishing may work several seasonal jobs for different employers in addition to their main job; and some [labour hire workers \(/statistics/labour/earnings-and-working-conditions/labour-hire-workers/latest-release\)](https://statistics/labour/earnings-and-working-conditions/labour-hire-workers/latest-release) may work for a number of businesses in Administrative and support services.

## Levels and rate of multiple job-holding, by sex, by industry



Note: Multiple job-holding rate and levels are taken from the Labour Account. The number of male and female multiple job-holders by industry are derived from Jobs in Australia, and applied to the Labour Account level estimate.

Source: [Labour Account Australia \(/statistics/labour/labour-accounts/labour-account-australia/latest-release\)](/statistics/labour/labour-accounts/labour-account-australia/latest-release) and [Jobs in Australia 2019-20 \(/statistics/labour/jobs/jobs-australia/latest-release\)](/statistics/labour/jobs/jobs-australia/latest-release).

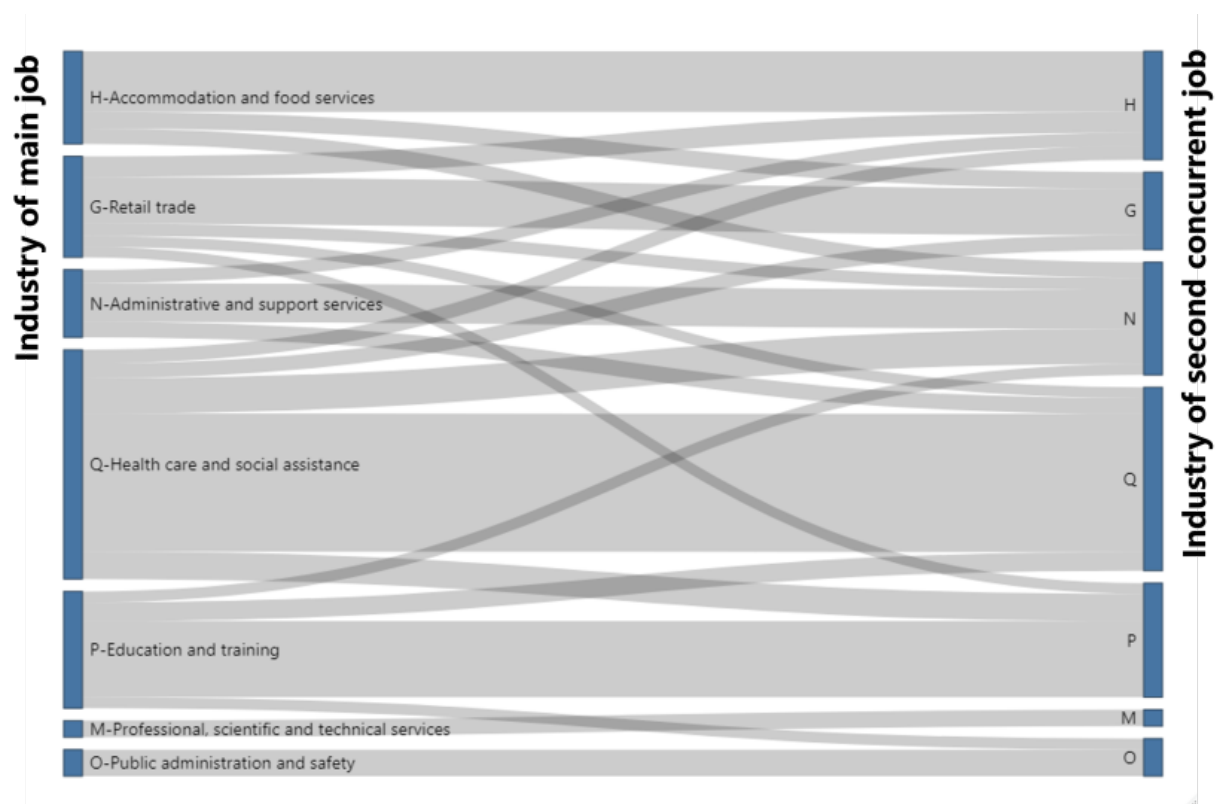
The following diagrams show [Jobs in Australia \(/statistics/labour/jobs/jobs-australia/latest-release\)](/statistics/labour/jobs/jobs-australia/latest-release) data of the most common combinations of industries of male and female multiple

job-holder's main and second concurrent job.

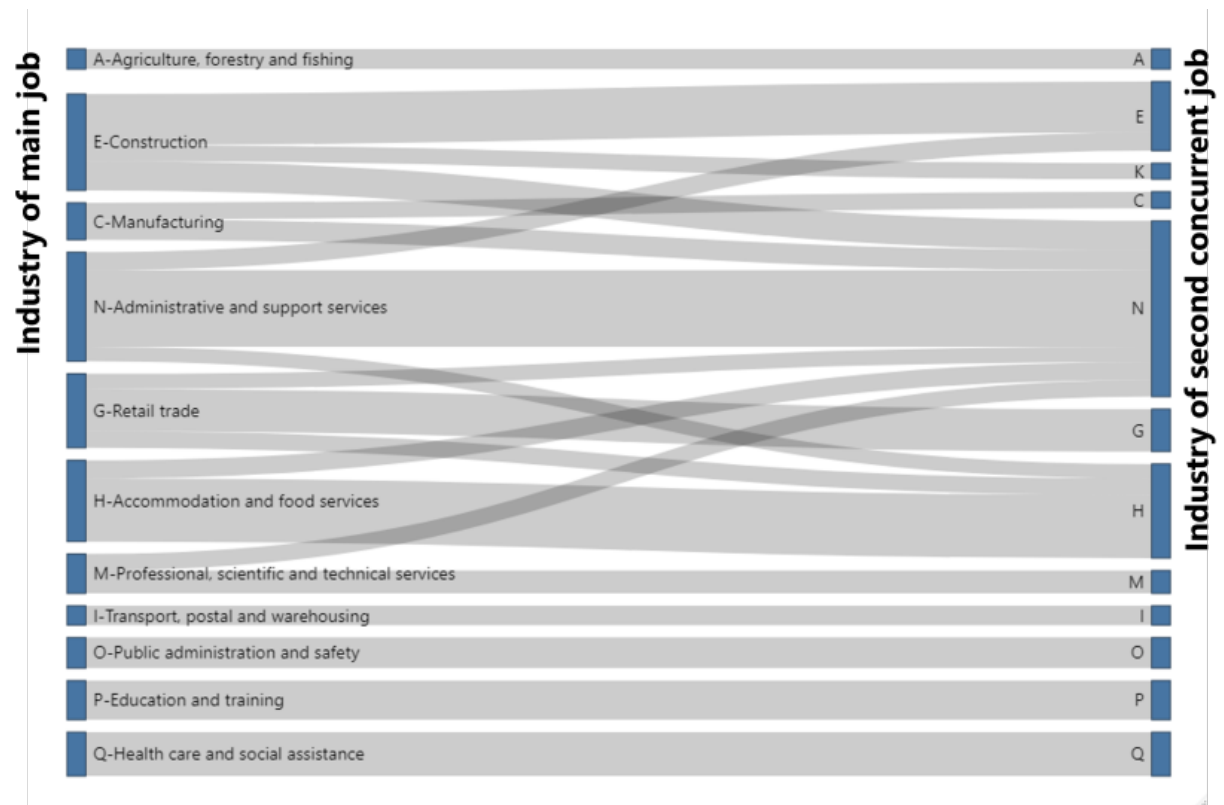
For example, most female multiple job-holders whose main job was in Health care and social assistance also had their second job in Health care and social assistance, but there were many women whose main job was in Health care and social assistance and their second job in either Administrative and support services, Accommodation and food services, Retail trade or Education and training.

The data can be found in Jobs in Australia [Table 4 \(/statistics/labour/jobs/jobs-australia/2015-16-2019-20#data-downloads\)](https://statistics/labour/jobs/jobs-australia/2015-16-2019-20#data-downloads).

### Industry of main and second job of female multiple job-holders, 2019-20



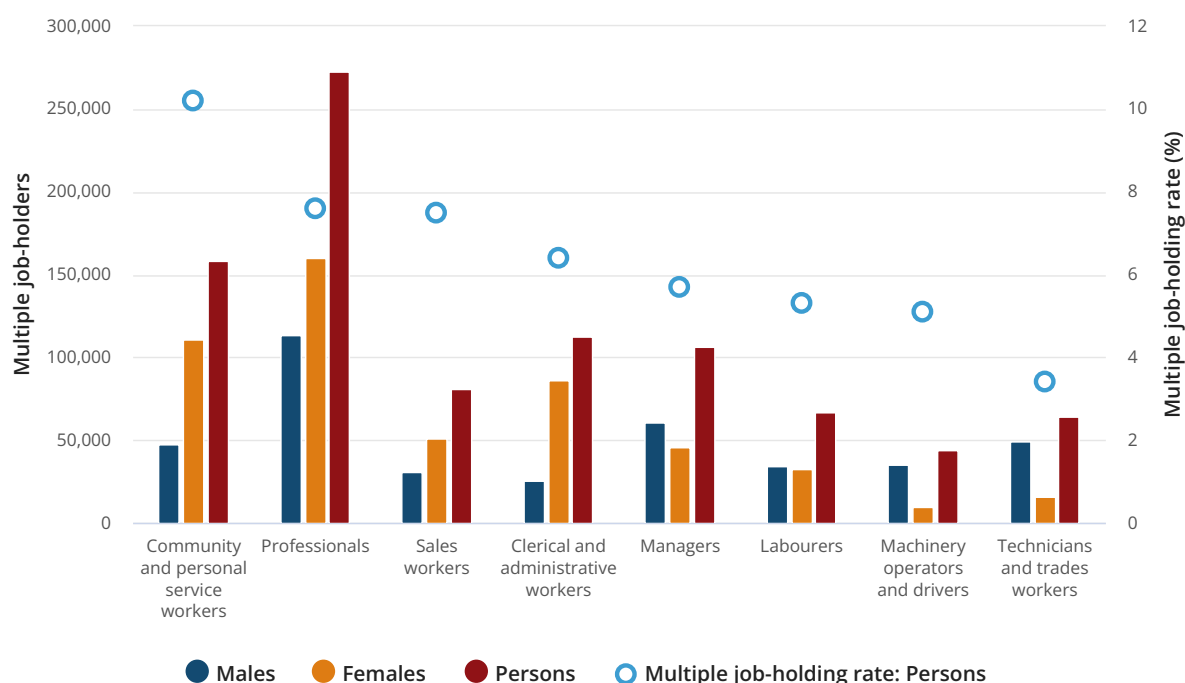
### Industry of main and second job of male multiple job-holders, 2019-20



## Occupation

In February 2023, 10.2% of all people who were a Community and personal service worker in their main job were multiple job-holders. Technicians and trade workers were least likely to be a multiple job-holder (3.4%)

## Levels and rate of multiple job-holding, by sex by occupation, February 2023



Note: The sum of occupations does not equal the headline estimate of multiple job-holders from the Labour Account as the number of multiple job-holders, by occupation is sourced directly from the Labour Force Survey. The Labour Account includes adjustments to account for populations which are out of scope for the Labour Force Survey, namely child workers, short-term non-residents and defence force personnel.

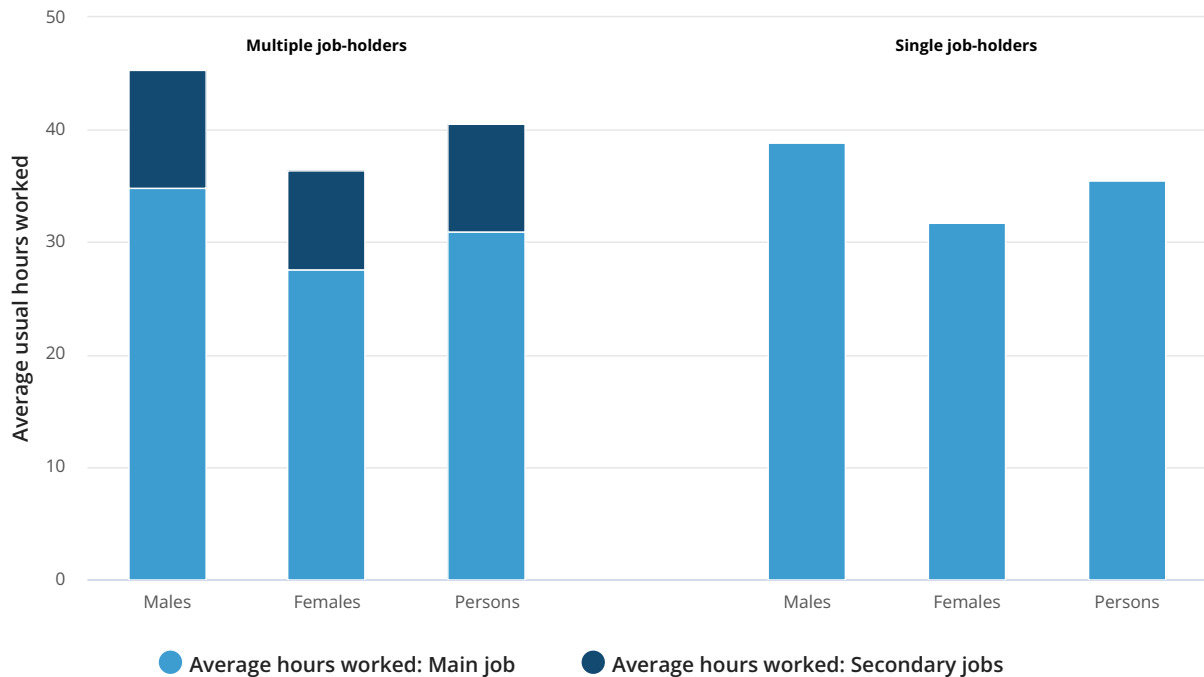
Source: [Longitudinal Labour Force, Australia \(/statistics/microdata-tablebuilder/available-microdata-tablebuilder/longitudinal-labour-force-australia\)](https://statistics.microdata-tablebuilder/available-microdata-tablebuilder/longitudinal-labour-force-australia).

## Hours worked

In March 2023:

- Multiple job-holders usually worked 30.9 hours, on average, in their main job, and 9.6 hours in their secondary job(s) - a total of 40.5 hours per week, on average.
- Single job-holders usually worked 35.5 hours per week, on average.

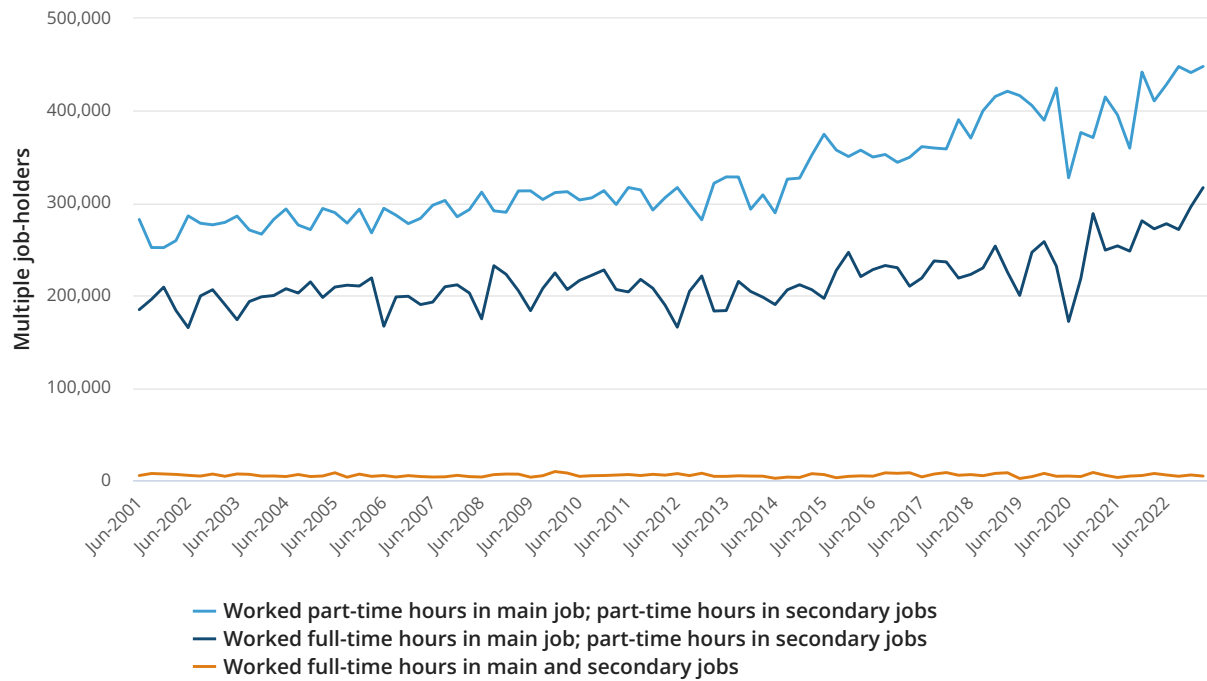
## Average usual hours worked, March 2023



Source: [Longitudinal Labour Force, Australia \(/statistics/microdata-tablebuilder/available-microdata-tablebuilder/longitudinal-labour-force-australia\)](https://statistics.microdata-tablebuilder/available-microdata-tablebuilder/longitudinal-labour-force-australia)

Multiple job-holders were most likely to work part-time hours (less than 35 hours per week) in both their main and secondary job(s), followed by a combination of full-time and part-time hours. There were a small number of people who had two full-time jobs.

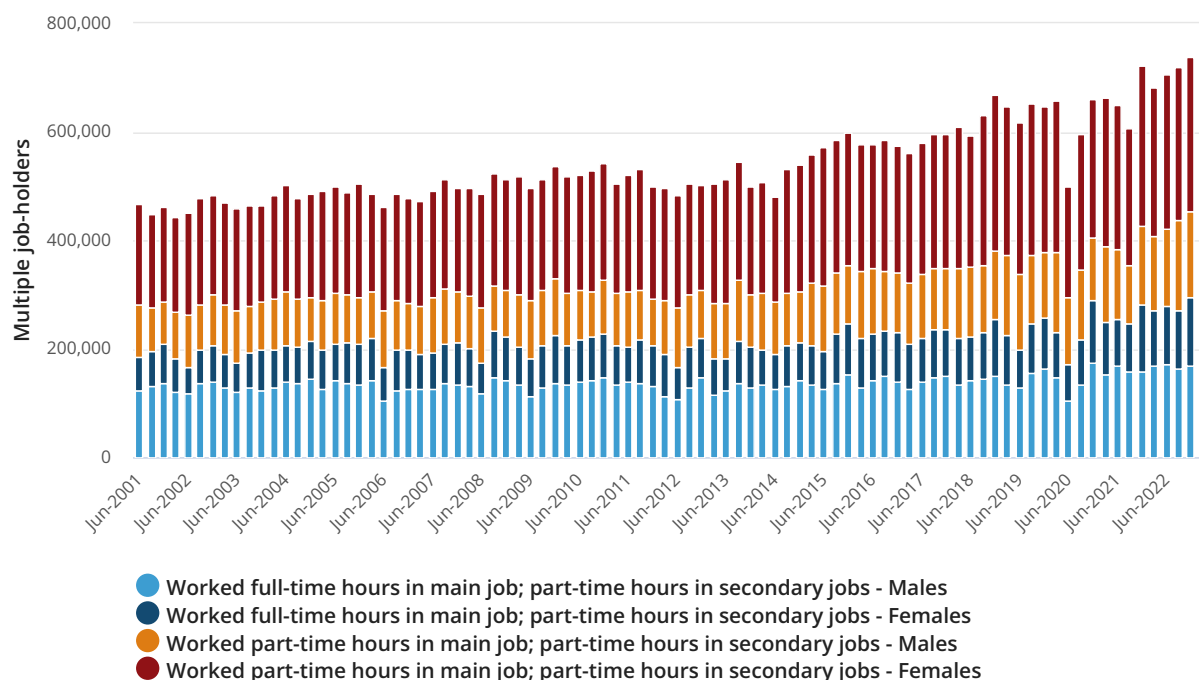
## Multiple job-holders by actual full-time or part-time hours



Note: The full-time / part-time hours categories are based on hours actually worked in the reference week, so exclude employed people who were away from work.

Source: [Longitudinal Labour Force, Australia \(/statistics/microdata-tablebuilder/available-microdata-tablebuilder/longitudinal-labour-force-australia\)](https://statistics.microdata-tablebuilder/available-microdata-tablebuilder/longitudinal-labour-force-australia).

## Multiple job-holders by sex, by actual full-time or part-time hours



Note: The full-time / part-time hours categories are based on hours actually worked in the reference week, so exclude employed people who were away from work. The small number of people working two full-time jobs have been excluded from this graph.

Source: [Longitudinal Labour Force, Australia \(/statistics/microdata-tablebuilder/available-microdata-tablebuilder/longitudinal-labour-force-australia\)](https://statistics.microdata-tablebuilder/available-microdata-tablebuilder/longitudinal-labour-force-australia).

## Geography

The multiple job-holding rate tends to be higher in regional areas compared with capital cities. Tasmania was the only exception, with multiple job-holding more prevalent in Hobart than in the rest of Tasmania in March 2023.

# Multiple job-holding rates by Greater Capital City Statistical Area, March 2023

Loading map...

Source: [Longitudinal Labour Force, Australia \(https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/microdata-tablebuilder/available-microdata-tablebuilder/longitudinal-labour-force-australia\)](https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/microdata-tablebuilder/available-microdata-tablebuilder/longitudinal-labour-force-australia)

## Data downloads

---

### Table 1: Multiple job-holders rates and levels

Rates and levels of multiple job-holders time series. Sourced from the Labour Accounts.

↓ [Download XLSX](#)

[36.42 KB]

---

### Table 2: Multiple job-holders by age and sex

Time series of multiple job-holders by age and sex. Sourced from the Labour Force Survey

↓ [Download XLSX](#)

[359.01 KB]

---

### Table 3: Multiple job-holders income, by age, by sex and number of concurrent jobs

Median employment income of multiple job holders. Sourced from Jobs in Australia

↓ [Download XLSX](#)

[87.61 KB]

---

---

## Table 4: Multiple job-holders by industry, by sex, by median income

Multiple job-holders rates and levels by industry, by sex and by median income. Levels from the Labour Accounts are proportioned using Jobs in Australia sex data of industries. Median income data by industry sourced from Jobs in Australia

↓ [Download XLSX](#)

[238.38 KB]

---

## Table 5: Multiple job-holders by selected characteristics

Multiple job-holders and employed persons by occupation, average usual hours worked, by State, by Greater Capital City Statistical Area, and by educational qualifications. Sourced from the Labour Force Survey.

↓ [Download XLSX](#)

[691.33 KB]

---

## All data downloads

↓ [Download ZIP](#)

[1.2 MB]

---

## Post-release changes

6 September 2023 - 'Levels and rate of multiple job-holding, by sex, by industry' graph updated.

## Methodology

[Multiple job-holders methodology, March 2023](#)